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Lester Snow, Executive Director CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth Street Suite 1155 Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Acquisition and Restoration of Riparian Habitat and Floodplain Lands along the San Joaquin River. (Spencer Property)

Dear Mr. Snow:

I serve as a member of the San Joaquin River Conservancy board of directors. We have been directing our efforts towards acquiring appropriate properties along the river for the benefit of the citizenry.

A number of groups and organizations have joined together in supporting acquisition of this property. It is considered critical to Madera and Fresno County's twenty two mile Parkway Plan and to the San Joaquin River Conservancy.

The property includes river bottom land, grasslands and wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats, and riparian areas.

The San Joaquin River is a marvelous resource that has, just in time, come to the attention of agencies and citizens groups as in need of protection and management.

We are hopeful that CALFED will support all our efforts by approving this funding request.

Sincerely,

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